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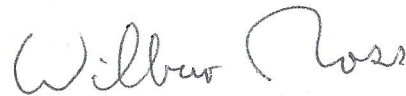
Dear Mr. Cicio:

Thank you for your kind letter on behalf of the members of the Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) regarding the Department of Commerce's report titled "Streamlining Permitting and Reducing Regulatory Burdens for Domestic Manufacturing." As you know, reducing the regulatory burden on manufacturers is a major priority of this Administration.

I also appreciate the comments that the IECA submitted in response to the Department's Request for Information. Your organization's comments on New Source Review and Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction were insightful and informed the recommendations that the Department submitted to President Trump.

As agencies develop action plans to address the multiple issues highlighted in the report, we look forward to continued input and collaboration from organizations such as the IECA. Should you have additional questions about the Department's ongoing role in the Trump Administration's regulatory reform efforts, please contact Mr. James Uthmeier, the Department's Regulatory Reform Officer, at (202) 482-1494 or juthmeier@doc.gov.

Sincerely,


Wilbur Ross